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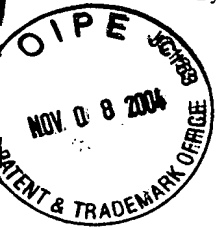
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Mineo NOMOTO, et al.

Application No.: 10/082,520

Filed: February 22, 2002

For: Method and Apparatus for
Measuring Thickness of Thin Film and
Device Manufacturing Method Using
Same

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 8662

Examiner: Hoa Q. Pham

Art Unit: 2877

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Communication mailed October 19, 2004, on the
above-referenced application, please enter the following amendment and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which
begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.